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Confirmation of:		Conference Teleconference Other:	Date Held: 17 Aug 99 1:30 pm (Alaska) Date Issued: 20 Aug 99 Recorded By: Rachel August Place: Anchorage, Alaska
Subject: MOU Work Group Teleconference			

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Snell, John	TAG/DataFlow	907-271-5299

#### **MEETING MINUTES**

Action Required By	Item
	This was the scheduled biweekly teleconference. The following agenda items were discussed:
	<ol> <li>Roll Call</li> <li>General Information</li> <li>Action Items Update</li> <li>New Action Items/Issues</li> <li>Schedules</li> <li>C-3 Plan Revision</li> <li>Newsletter Articles</li> <li>Teleconference Schedule and next MOU Work Group Meeting</li> </ol>

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#### 2.0 General Information

#### 2.1 BIA

Not present for this portion of the teleconference.

#### 2.2 FAA

Beyette and Renk toured several Annette Island sites with three Chevron representatives (two geologists and a real estate specialist) during 8-10 Aug 99. Sites included the tank farm, pipelines, wooden tanks, gas station, beach, and hangar. The Chevron representatives went through old files in the City Hall attic and discussed Chevron's potential responsibility for some of the contaminated sites. FAA will follow up with Chevron in two weeks.

Tom Holloway is in charge of FAA's environmental cleanup policy. He will attend the 15 Sep 99 MOU Work Group meeting at Metlakatla. Holloway will arrive 13 Sep 99, and Beyette and Renk will tour the island with him.

Carol Johnson is joining FAA's Annette Island team. She will work in the field on the FST project with CH2M Hill. Renk will supervise the release investigation portion of the work.

Snell asked the group for project information for the web site.

Deering discussed lodging with CH2M Hill this morning. CH2M Hill is looking for housing in Metlakatla and presented a proposal to MIC Council for renting rooms at White Alice. Benson will investigate the status of CH2M Hill's proposal.

#### 2.3 MIC

Benson discussed the airport tower issue with the MIC Council. Without a quorum, the Council was unable to vote.

Benson spoke to Leroy Wilder, MIC's attorney, regarding TERO fees. Wilder said fee exemptions can be made for federal agencies and contractors, but work permits are required. Elconin said Susan Fink, USAED's attorney, discussed the issue with Wilder and received the same information. Wilder briefed the MIC Council regarding TERO issues and will follow up with a letter explaining TERO requirements; therefore, members of the MOU Work Group do not need to write letters to the MIC Council regarding this matter. Benson will distribute Wilder's letter to the MOU Work Group. Benson has not received FAA's letter on the subject.

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Benson said South Coast's personnel director thinks South Coast is not required to hire locally or obtain work permits; however, both are required. Jacobs will discuss these matters with South Coast.

Benson received several boxes of documents from FAA to deposit in the library.

Benson asked for copies of the mustard gas photographs posted on the web site so he can circulate them and spread awareness in the community. Snell will forward photographs to Benson.

#### 2.4 **USAED**

Elconin was in Metlakatla earlier this month to observe the work being performed by South Coast and Jacobs. South Coast has completed drum removals at most of USAED sites and will move on to BIA work next week. South Coast should demobilize by 31 Aug 99 and will be unavailable to remove drums found at FAA sites.

USAED operated a booth at the Founders' Day celebration at Metlakatla. USAED showed slides, generating much interest, and distributed giveaways and printed information. Carr will return the remaining FAA materials to Beyette.

USAED discovered three transformers and five capacitors in the automobile landfill. The material has been overpacked and staged at the quarry. FAA confirmed the material can remain at the quarry until Jean is on site to determine disposition. Jacobs sampled soils in the area and found PCB contamination of 38 ppm. USAED will address this area during the 2000 field season.

Abadie said several airplane parts were also found in the automobile landfill; MIC may want to place these in a museum. USAED has an agreement with the State Historic Preservation Office (SHPO) stating that material with potential historic value must be segregated and offered to a museum. Abadie will investigate the airplane parts and determine disposition.

Elconin said several dump truck loads were removed from the automobile landfill, but the landfill still contains a large quantity of material. USAED does not have authorization to clean up the whole landfill but has removed the drums from the site.

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	2.5	<u>USCG</u>
		Deering said Peterson has been researching files in the federal building and found a large number of photographs of Annette Island dating from the 1940s to the late 1970s. The photographs should help answer some questions about former operations in the area. Peterson scanned some of the photographs and will bring copies to the 15 Sept 99 MOU Work Group meeting at Metlakatla. Abadie asked to see any photographs of the hospital site.
		Deering received a copy of FAA's 11 Aug 99 letter to the Marine Safety Division (MSD) requesting a report on the main dock pipeline removal project. Deering personally relayed FAA's earlier request for information on past releases to MSD. Beyette will fax a copy of the request letter to Deering.
		Deering reported that a change of command has occurred at MSD-Juneau. The new captain of the port is Commander Robert C. Lorigan.
		Action:
Benson		Investigate the status of CH2M Hill's proposal to MIC Council regarding housing at White Alice.
MOU Work Group		Provide Snell with current information for the web site.
Benson		Distribute Wilder's letter on TERO requirements to the MOU Work Group.
Beyette		Fax Deering a copy of FAA's letter requesting information on past releases.
Snell		Provide Benson with photographs of mustard gas containers.
Abadie		Investigate the airplane parts and determine disposition.
	3.0	Action Items Update
		See Interagency Action List.
		Action:
		None.

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#### 4.0 New Action Items/Issues

#### 4.1 <u>Wastewater Discharge</u>

MIC responded to USAED's letter regarding wastewater discharge, and Elconin discussed MIC's letter with the group. MIC agreed to some of the suggestions but asked USAED to change benzene levels from 5ppb to 1.2 ppb. USAED will attempt to reach this level but may request a waiver if this level is not attainable. MIC also wants USAED to test rainwater before discharge. Benson said wastewater may be discharged through the sewer system.

The group discussed which regulations apply to wastewater discharge at Annette Island. Benson has contacted Sally Brough at Region 10 Water Quality Standards. Bob Robichaud is also an available contact at Region 10 for NPDES permits (discharge to surface waters). Alaska has ADEC regulations for wastewater discharge to ground surfaces, but these regulations do not apply to Annette Island. Benson and USAED will discuss the issue further.

#### 4.2 Residential vs. Industrial Zoning

Beyette asked Benson about the latest MIC regulations for open dump sites. The regulations reference two standards for residential and industrial sites. Benson said the 1982 zoning report indicates three industrial sites on the end of the island, and the rest were classified as residential/recreational sites. Zoning has not changed since that report was issued.

The three industrial zones are the hangar area, BIA road shop and power plant, and the quarry area. These sites are indicated on Figure 3 of the Master Plan prepared by Ridolfi. The figure will be discussed further at the 15 Sept 99 MOU Work Group meeting.

Beyette asked Benson for an official copy of the MIC Guidelines for Cleanup and Remediation of Open Dumps and Other Contaminated Sites. Renk asked for the backup which explains why these regulations were written. FAA mailed their tank removal work plan today to MIC and EPA.

#### 4.3 Update of USAED Maps with Revised FAA Site Numbers

FAA offered to replace the current C-3 Plan maps with five new CAD drawings, which are more accurate and easier to revise. The group accepted the offer. FAA will add site numbers and GPS coordinates to the CAD drawings. Jacobs has a CAD drafter on staff who may assist with drawing revisions. The web site also needs new maps. Beyette and Elconin will discuss this issue later.

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	4.4	Other New Issues	
		Abadie asked about the status of signing the hospital site MOA. Benson said MOA is in the MIC attorney's office and should be signed soon by Ma Gilmartin. The MOA must be also be signed by USAED-Portland and National Archives Office before work can begin at the hospital site. USA hopes to begin work this month.	
		Abadie said the Winnipeg asbestos drawings are not complete. Beckley advised Abadie to contact Catherine Foster of Ridolfi Engineers.	
		USAED will photograph and prepare as-builts for the cleanup sites. Benson suggested this effort also include upgrading the Winnipeg drawings. This will be discussed further.	
		Elconin said USAED has not yet erected a fence around the quarry and may demobilize before the fence is built. FAA wants the fence erected. The group discussed access times to the quarry. Benson has a sign declaring the opening hours which can be posted. Jacobs will coordinate quarry access with Mayor Gilmartin.	
		Action:	
Benson		Provide FAA with a copy of the MIC Guidelines for Cleanup and Remediation of Open Dumps and Other Contaminated Sites.	
Jacobs		Coordinate quarry access with Mayor Gilmartin.	
Gunyah		Assist Boynton to provide site closure document template.	
	5.0	Schedules	
	5.1	BIA	
		Gunyah is pursuing additional funding (approximately \$10,000) to remove additional drums found on site. The work will begin next week. Jacobs has begun sampling the drums and has not encountered any hazardous waste; the drums are either clean or contain asphalt.	
		Gunyah will work with June Boynton regarding site closure procedures and quality standards.	

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	5.2	<u>FAA</u>
		Beyette said site preparation work will begin within three weeks. Site preparation must be completed before the release investigation can begin.
		FAA tank work is scheduled to begin 20 Sep 99.
		The release investigation has a tentative start date of 10 Oct 99. The project will be completed within approximately six weeks.
	5.3	MIC
		Benson had no schedules to discuss.
	5.4	<u>USAED</u>
		Elconin said the drum removal work should be completed by 25 Aug 99 unless work is added at the hospital area; this additional work would require one more week. If the hospital work is not added this year, the work will be accomplished during the 2000 field season.
	5.5	<u>USCG</u>
		Deering had no schedules to discuss.
		Action:
MOU Work Group		See Action List.
	6.0	C-3 Plan Revision
		The next C-3 Plan revision is scheduled for 1 Dec 99. Revisions will be discussed at the 15 Sep 99 MOU Work Group meeting at Metlakatla. The backup information and outline will also be discussed at that meeting.
		Action:
		None.
	7.0	Newsletter Articles
		Benson said the deadline to submit articles for the September edition is 19 Aug 99. Agencies shall submit articles directly to Benson.
		Benson may prepare an article about the mustard gas containers.

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MOU Work Group		Action: Submit articles to Benson for inclusion in the September newsletter by 19 Aug 99.
	8.0	Teleconference Schedule and Next MOU Work Group Meeting
		The next teleconference is scheduled for Tuesday, 31 Aug 99, at 1:30 pm (Alaska). The next MOU Work Group Meeting is scheduled for 15 Sep 99.
		Action:
Jacobs		Email the agenda to participants on 27 Aug 99.
		Teleconference adjourned at 3:30 pm (Alaska).